

a labor of love & your long  
personal intimate knowledge  
of him renders you preeminently  
capable -

A short, & well-  
meaning, tho' incorrect & meagre  
little article was printed in  
Sunday's "N.Y. World" - from whose  
pen I know not - I should very  
much like to supplement it by  
a few lines from you.

Had you heard that Mr.  
Simon (my father's father-in-law)  
died last December - He was  
nearly 98! - The Blackheath  
home must now indeed be  
desolate -

It is a privilege to me to have  
one whom my dear father loved, to  
talk to about him!

With kindest regards & sincere  
thankfulness, I am dear Dr. Gray  
Very truly yours  
D. A. Gray.

19 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y.,  
30 March 1880.

My dear Doctor Gray,

Your letter has just  
reached me - Many thanks  
for its kindness & sympathy.  
I knew my dear father's death  
would be a blow to you, for  
I remembered your old friendship  
& had often heard him express  
his attachment to both you &  
Mrs. Gray. -

To answer your question:  
We all came to this country in  
June 1830, & after a few days  
in New York, journeyed to Towanda  
Penn. (not Corydon, which lies on  
the opposite side of the mountains)  
to join an old English friend -  
I must have heard my father

sketch of Mr. Geo. Waukey. -

Here we remained about a year, & in the Spring of 1831 moved to Bellows' Falls Vermont, where it was my father's plan <sup>at first</sup> to settle indefinitely, but <sup>he</sup> moved in 1836 to New York, to make a home for his boys whom he placed in Columbia College -

With the exception of a few months in Buffalo (after his sons had graduated & left college) he remained in N.Y. until 1852 when, having lost two his sons, & seen the other happily settled in life, he returned to England.

He soon married there the daughter of an old friend of his early life - & lost her after

three years. - He passed the remaining years of his life at Blackheath, in Kent, <sup>pleasuring himself</sup> ~~with his~~ <sup>to</sup> whose bringing up & education he paid careful personal attention.

He continued his botanical pursuits, in a measure, with his children, who inherited his taste, until his end.

Should you find it in your heart to write a short <sup>(20-30 lines)</sup> notice of my dear father - a little tribute to his admirable character & qualities - his wide general scholarship, culture, elegant taste & refinement, it would be very gratifying to us & to the younger children in England. To you, I know the task would be